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recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 628. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, I now have AM2705; a note to withdraw on that, Senator?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right. AM2703.

CLERK: AM2703 withdraw?

SENATOR BEUTLER: AM2734.

CLERK: You're getting ahead of me, Senator. Bear with me. I'm sorry.

SENATOR BEUTLER: All right, sorry.

CLERK: I've got AM2732 here. (AM2732, Legislative Journal page 1002.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, members of the Legislature, this particular amendment deals with exceptions to making records public. There is a statute that lists exceptions and sets out those kinds of documents that don't have to be made public, and some of the public agencies wanted to include research reports that were requested by public officials, which are in draft form and which have not been furnished to the public official for whom the report was prepared. The troublesome thing to some of our public officials is that they might ask staff to develop some kind of longer report for them and, while they were in the process of completing that report, there would be a request for that information in an incomplete form and before the public officials themselves had been given the completed work. And so it was suggested, I think with some justification, that there ought to be something dealing with a kind of work in